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MY ENEMY'S ENEMY...
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ENFORCE HER? I DON'T EVEN KNOW HER!

BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: WEB OF SPIDER-MAN™

MOST SEASONED NEW YORKERS CAN SLEEP THROUGH ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING...
...EVEN THE WAR CURRENTLY RAGING OVER THE FINAL FATE OF THE NOW CRUMBLING FISK CRIMINAL EMPIRE.
AND, FOR THE CITY'S TOP SHIPPER OF PROFESSIONAL ASSASSINS, UNEXPECTED GUESTS AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT ARE A WAY OF LIFE...
...AND DEATH.
ONE LAST TIME, FOREIGNER-- WHO TOOK OUT THE CONTRACT ON ME?
AS ALWAYS, BLOOD ROSE, CLIENTS' NAMES REMAIN PRIVILEGED INFORMATION.
MY CYBER-HUNTER'S ARMOR MAY HAVE SERVED TO GET YOU IN PAST THE SECURITY DEFENSES, * VIGILANTE...
*LAST ISSUE.--ROB

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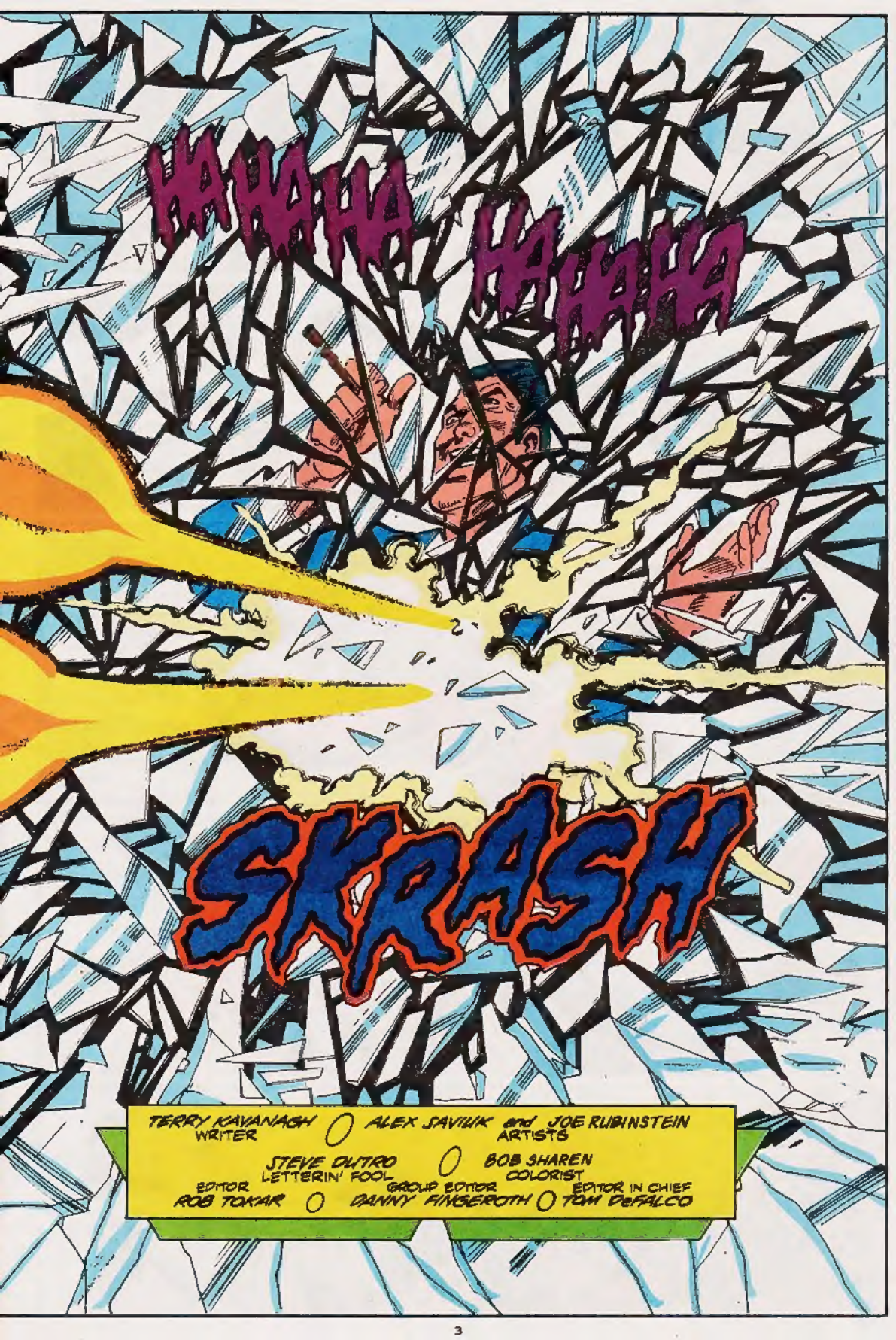

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MIRRORS AND ILLUSIONS, BLOOD ROSE--
BEHIND ME...!?
KPOW
PZNG
PLEXIGLASS SHIELD DESCENDING FROM THE CEILING...
KPOW
KPOW
--SUFFICIENT DIVERSION AGAINST A SLOW ENOUGH THREAT.
KPOW
BUDA
...AND HIS DESK'S BULLETPROOF. FOREIGNER'S BARRAGE KEPT ME ON THE DEFENSIVE LONG ENOUGH TO CUT HIM OFF FROM MY--
PZING
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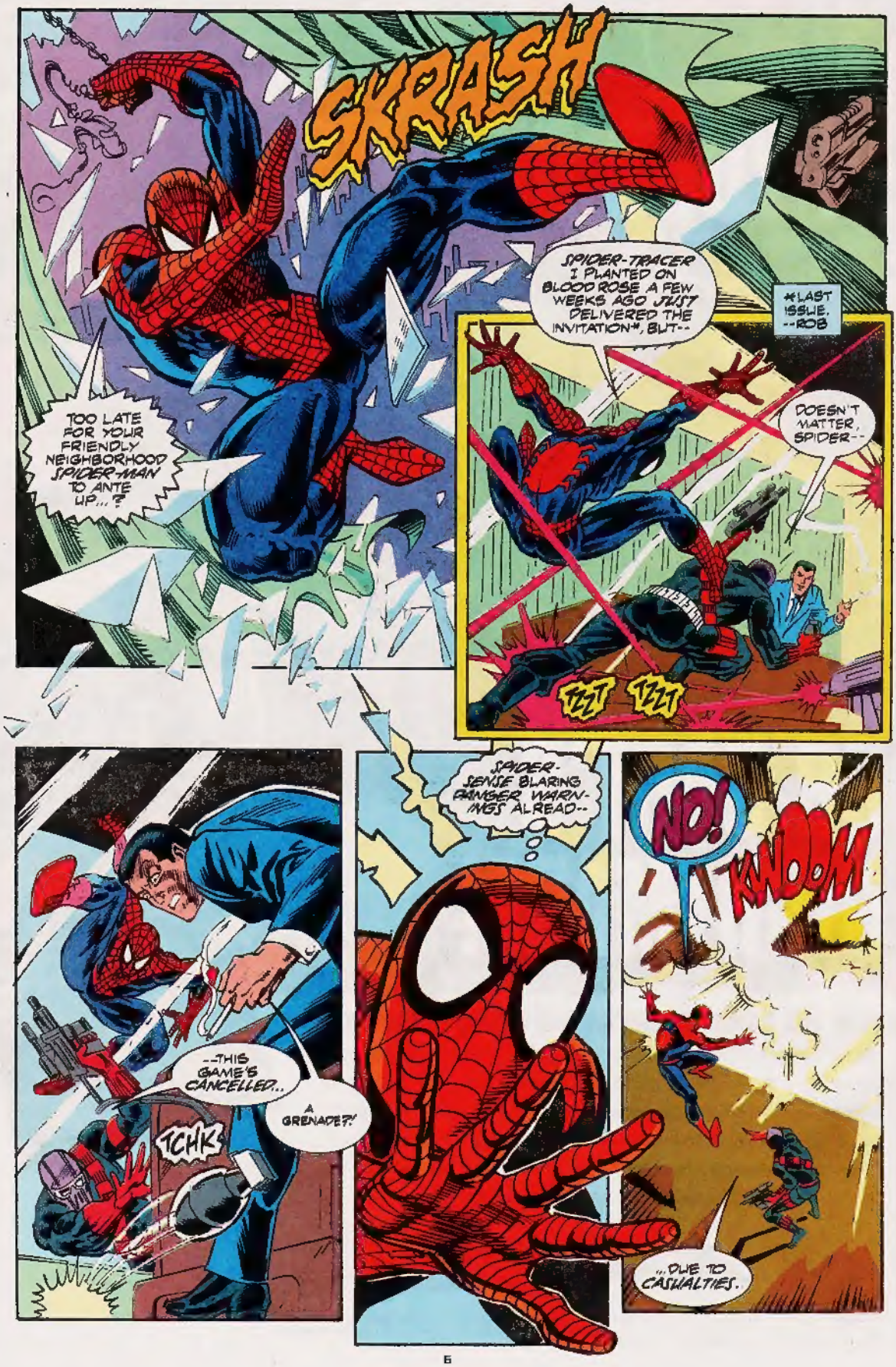
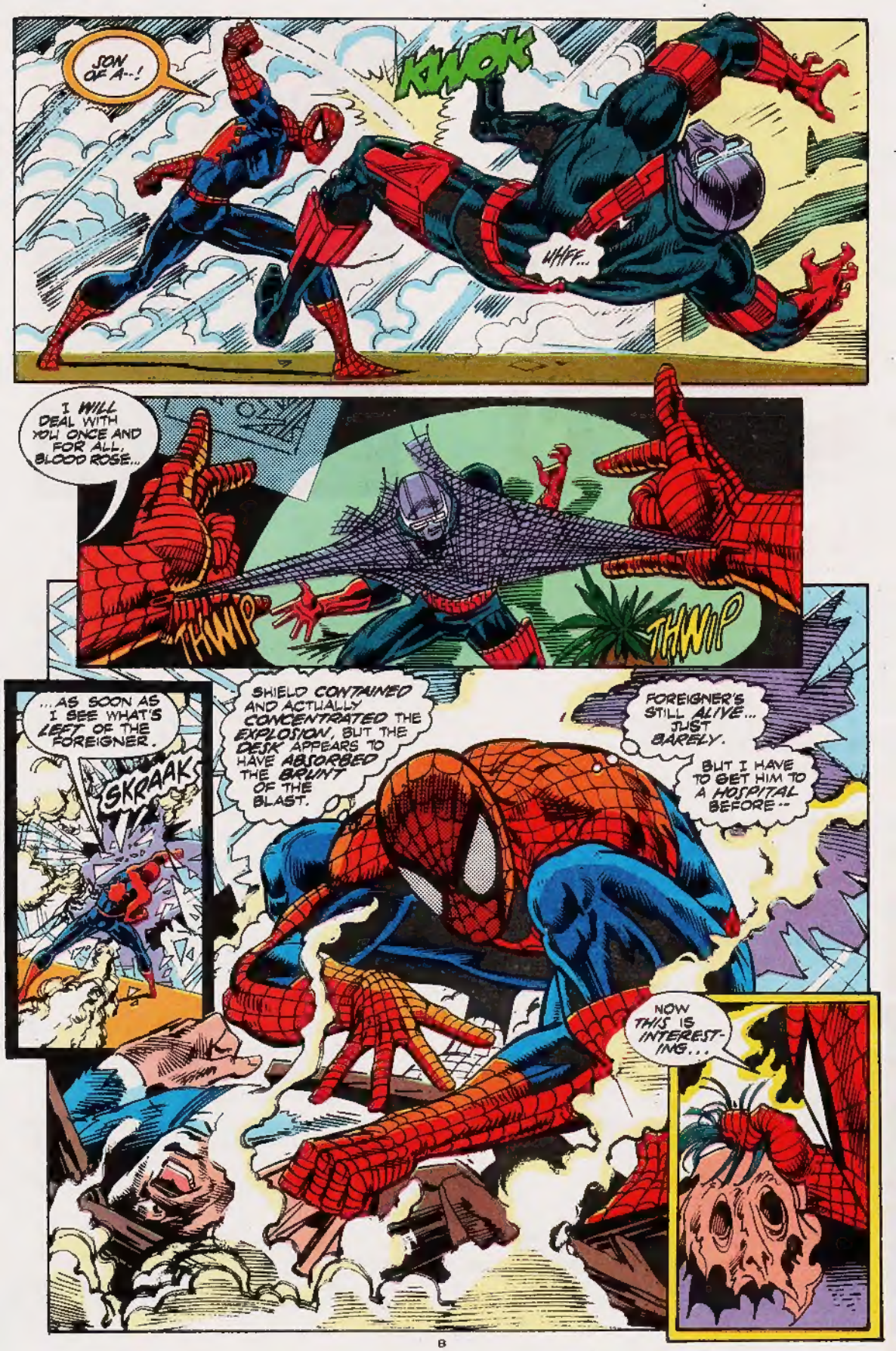
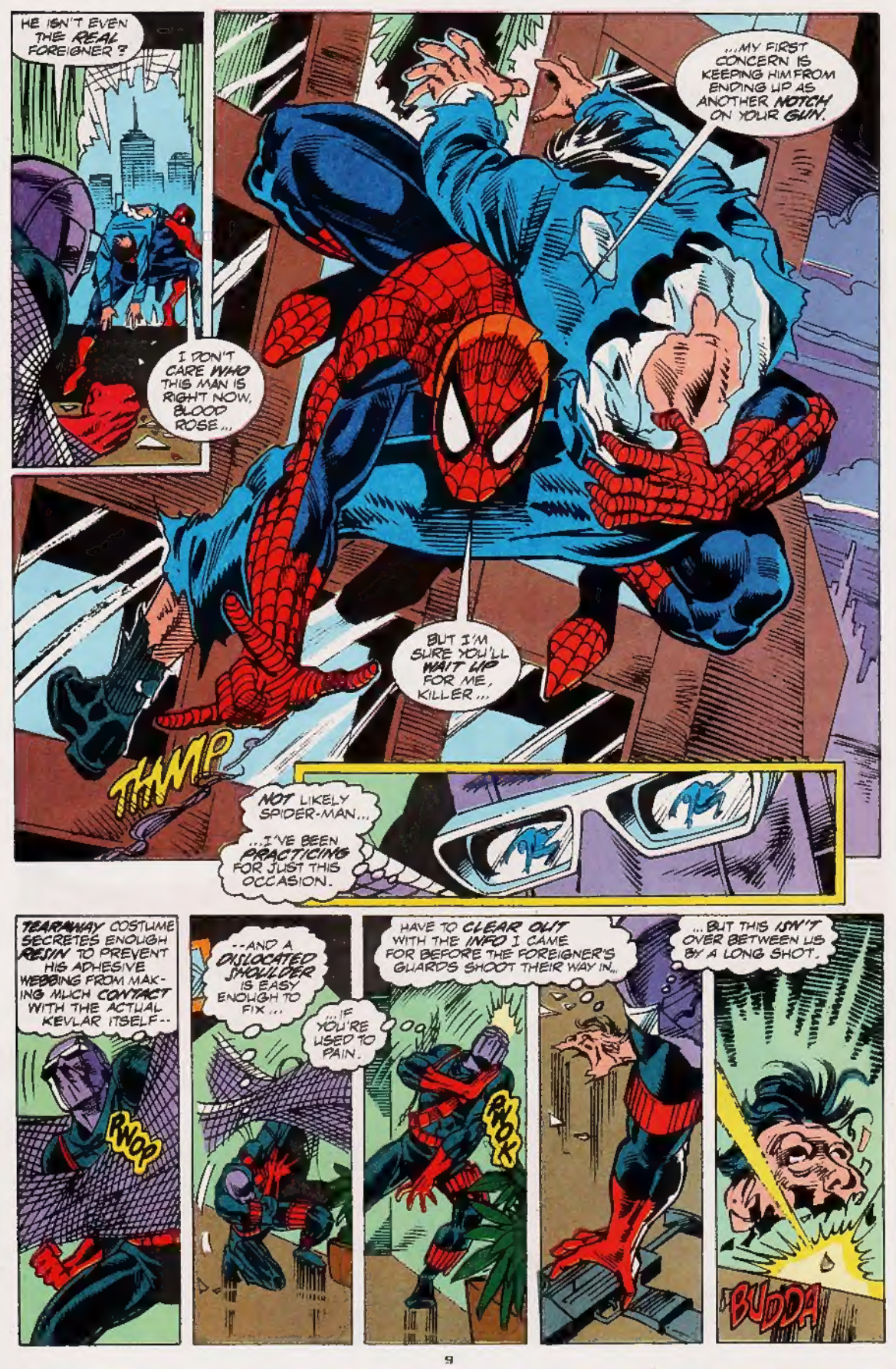
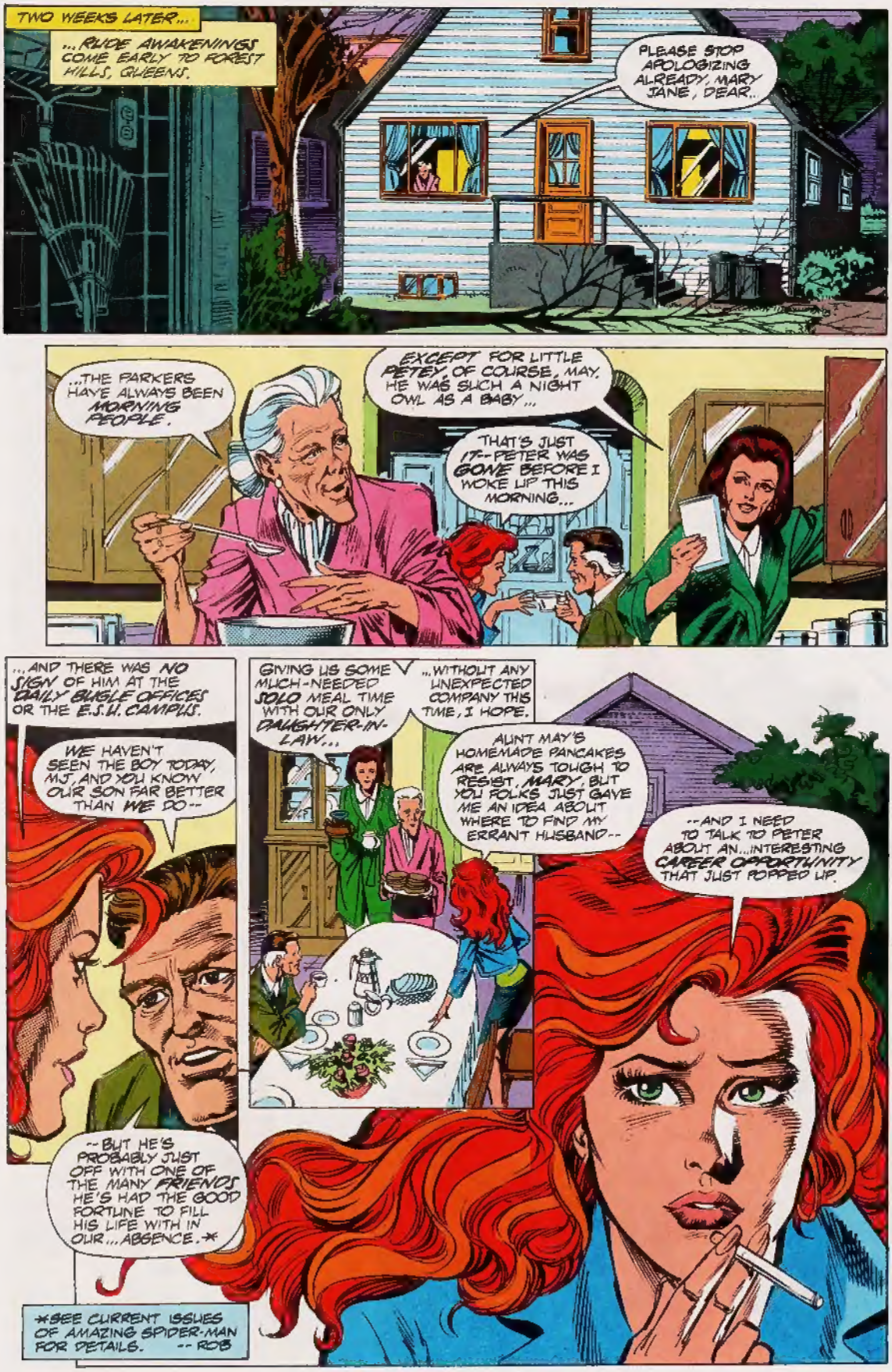
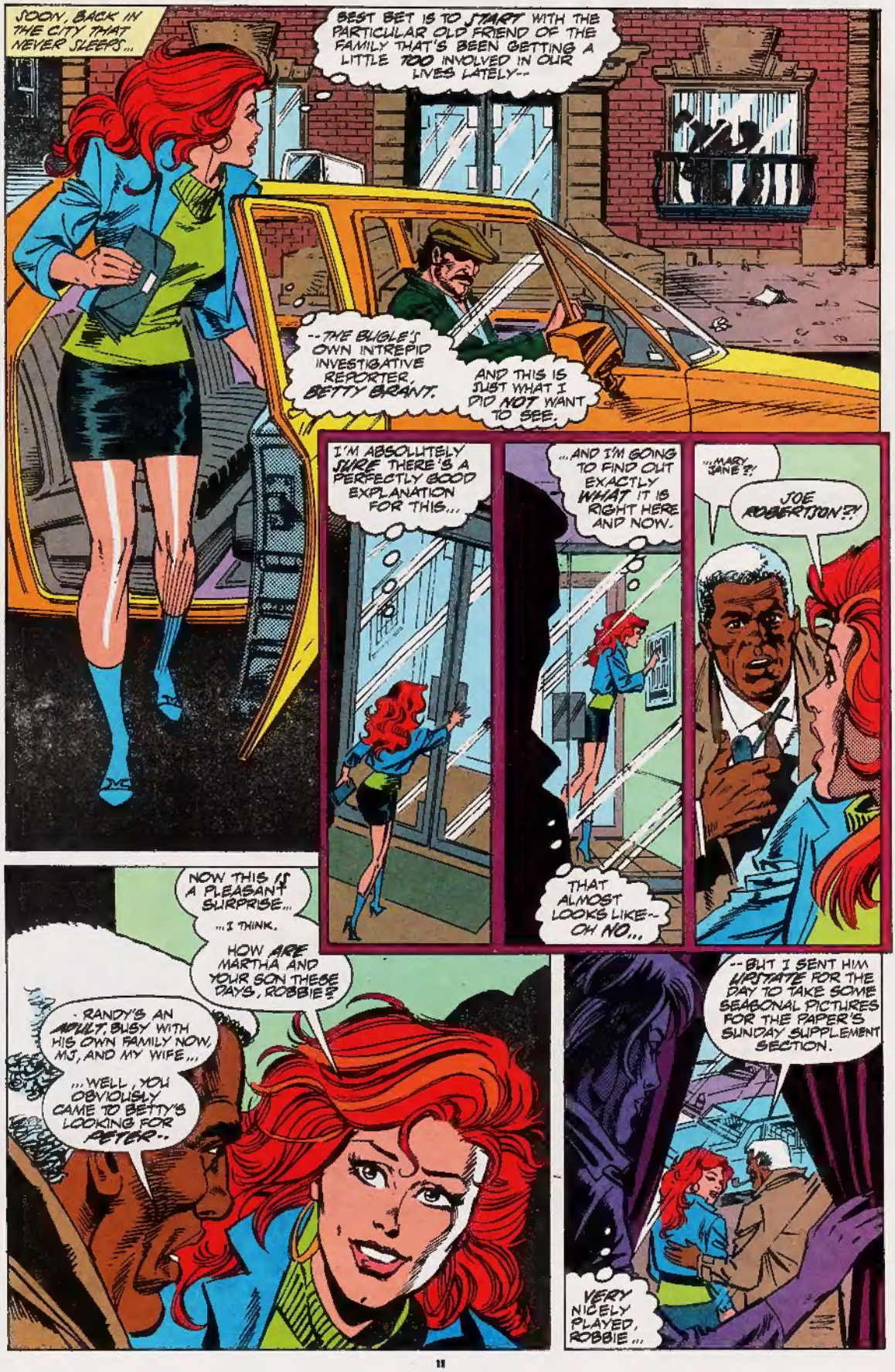
I'LL SEE YOUR BULLETS, "PARTNER".
MRRR
--RETURN FIRE?
...AND RAISE YOU TWO REMOTE-CONTROLLED TRACKING LASERS.

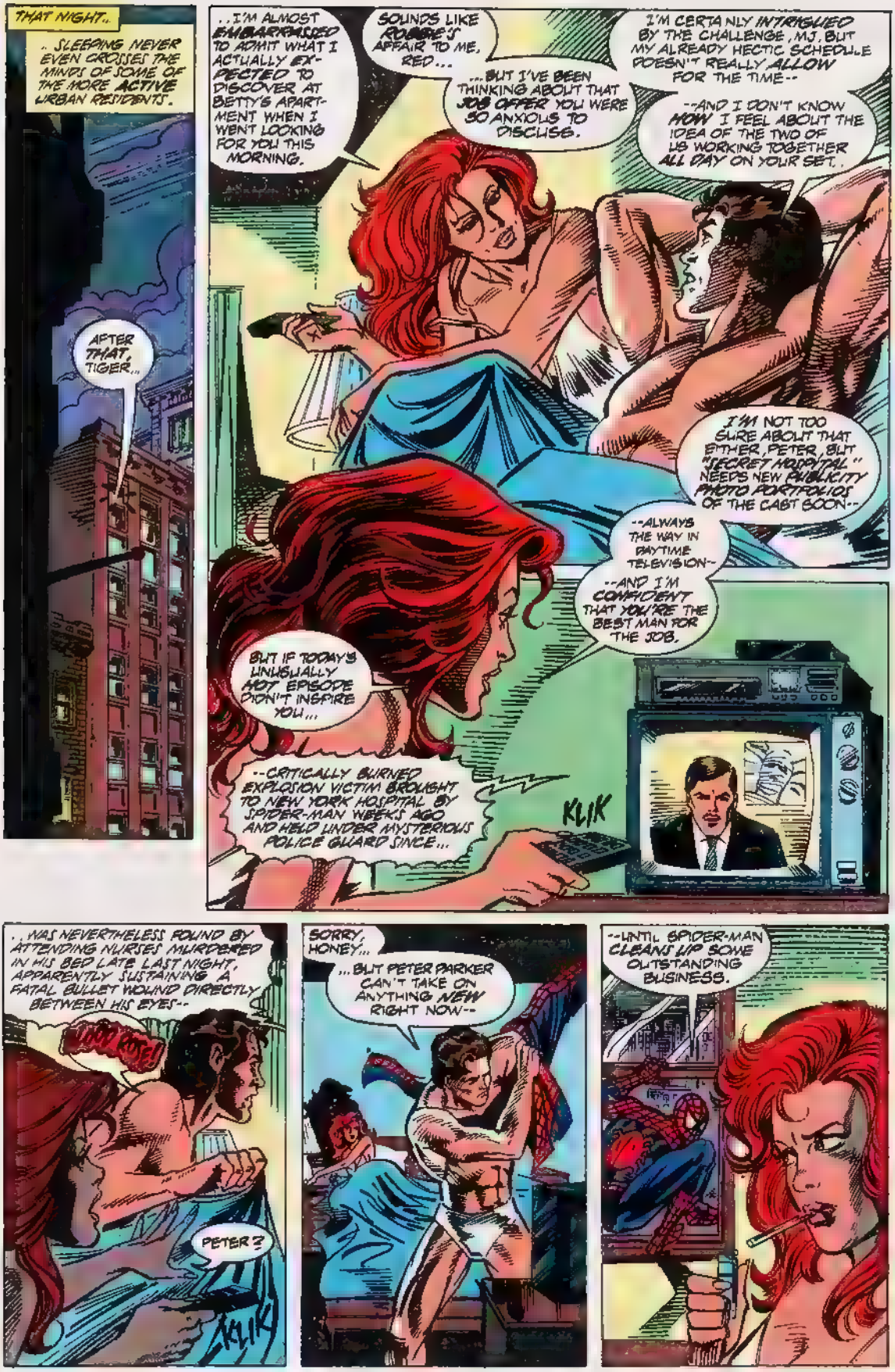

SKRASH
TOO LATE FOR YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN TO ANTE UP...?
SPIDER-TRACER I PLANTED ON BLOOD ROSE A FEW WEEKS AGO JUST DELIVERED THE INVITATION*, BUT--
*LAST ISSUE. --ROB
DOESN'T MATTER, SPIDER--
TZZT TZZT
--THIS GAME'S CANCELLED...
A GRENADE?!
TCHK
SPIDER-SENSE BLARING DANGER WARNINGS ALREAD--
NO!
KWOOM
...DUE TO CASUALTIES.

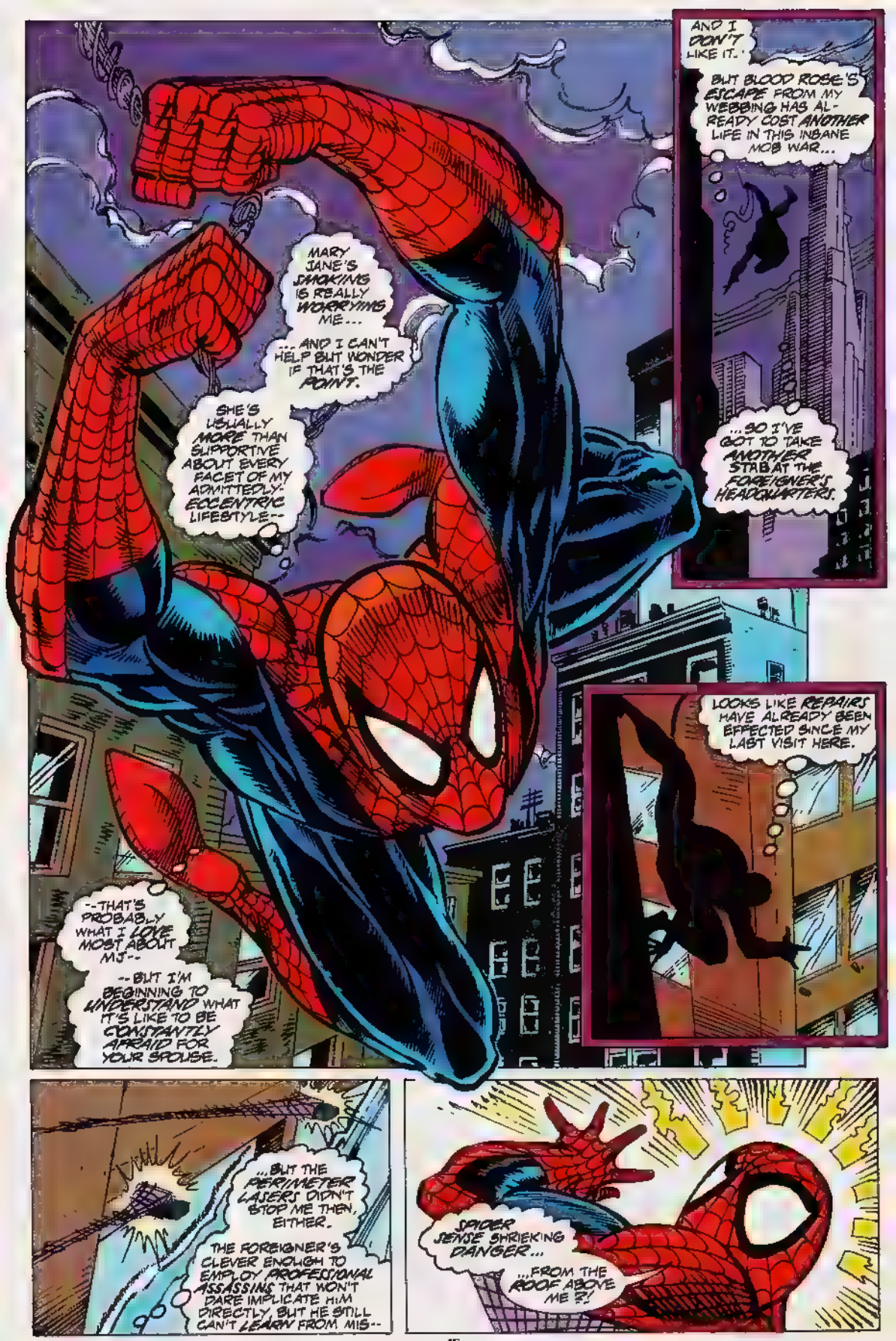

SON OF A--!
KAWOK
UHFF...
I WILL DEAL WITH YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL, BLOOD ROSE...
THWIP
THWIP
...AS SOON AS I SEE WHAT'S LEFT OF THE FOREIGNER.
SKRAAK
SHIELD CONTAINED AND ACTUALLY CONCENTRATED THE EXPLOSION, BUT THE DESK APPEARS TO HAVE ABSORBED THE BRUNT OF THE BLAST.
FOREIGNER'S STILL ALIVE... JUST BARELY.
BUT I HAVE TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL BEFORE--
NOW THIS IS INTERESTING...

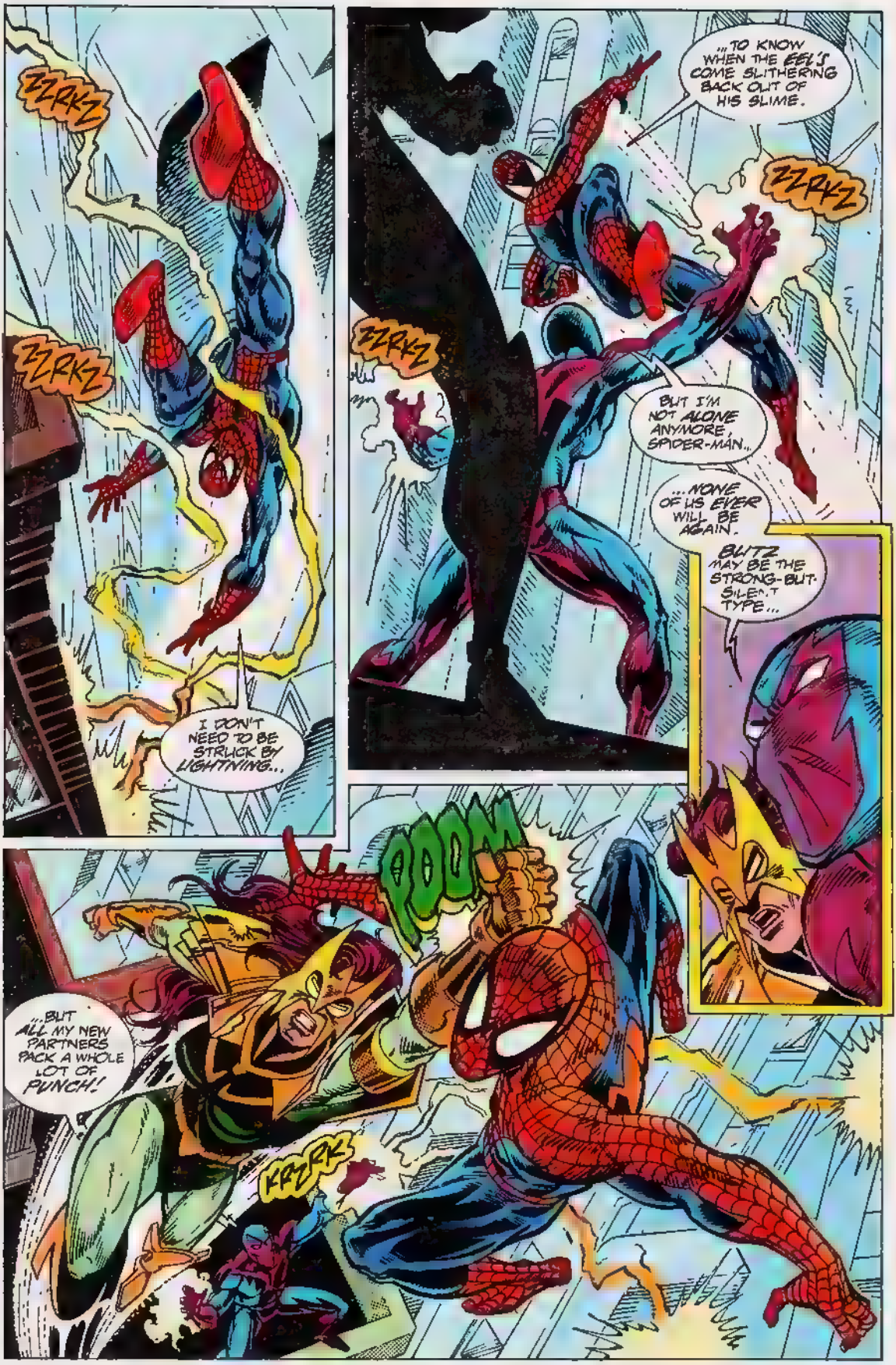

HE ISN'T EVEN THE REAL FOREIGNER?
I DON'T CARE WHO THIS MAN IS RIGHT NOW, BLOOD ROSE...
...MY FIRST CONCERN IS KEEPING HIM FROM ENDING UP AS ANOTHER NOTCH ON YOUR GUN.
BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL WAIT UP FOR ME, KILLER...
THUMP
NOT LIKELY SPIDER-MAN...
...I'VE BEEN PRACTICING FOR JUST THIS OCCASION.
TEAR-AWAY COSTUME SECRETES ENOUGH RESIN TO PREVENT HIS ADHESIVE WEBBING FROM MAKING MUCH CONTACT WITH THE ACTUAL KEVLAR ITSELF--
RWOP
--AND A DISLOCATED SHOULDER IS EASY ENOUGH TO FIX...
...IF YOU'RE USED TO PAIN.
HAVE TO CLEAR OUT WITH THE INFO I CAME FOR BEFORE THE FOREIGNER'S GUARDS SHOOT THEIR WAY IN...
PHOK
...BUT THIS ISN'T OVER BETWEEN US BY A LONG SHOT.
BUDDA


TWO WEEKS LATER...
...RUDE AWAKENINGS COME EARLY TO FOREST HILLS, QUEENS.
PLEASE STOP APOLOGIZING ALREADY, MARY JANE, DEAR..
...THE PARKERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MORNING PEOPLE.
EXCEPT FOR LITTLE PETEY, OF COURSE, MAY. HE WAS SUCH A NIGHT OWL AS A BABY...
THAT'S JUST IT--PETER WAS GONE BEFORE I WOKE UP THIS MORNING...
...AND THERE WAS NO SIGN OF HIM AT THE DAILY BUGLE OFFICES OR THE E.S.U. CAMPUS.
WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE BOY TODAY, MJ, AND YOU KNOW OUR SON FAR BETTER THAN WE DO--
--BUT HE'S PROBABLY JUST OFF WITH ONE OF THE MANY FRIENDS HE'S HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO FILL HIS LIFE WITH IN OUR...ABSENCE.*
GIVING US SOME MUCH-NEEDED SOLO MEAL TIME WITH OUR ONLY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW...
...WITHOUT ANY UNEXPECTED COMPANY THIS TIME, I HOPE.
AUNT MAY'S HOMEMADE PANCAKES ARE ALWAYS TOUGH TO RESIST, MARY, BUT YOU FOLKS JUST GAVE ME AN IDEA ABOUT WHERE TO FIND MY ERRANT HUSBAND--
--AND I NEED TO TALK TO PETER ABOUT AN...INTERESTING CAREER OPPORTUNITY THAT JUST POPPED UP.
*SEE CURRENT ISSUES OF AMAZING SPIDER-MAN FOR DETAILS. -- ROB


SOON, BACK IN THE CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS...
BEST BET IS TO START WITH THE PARTICULAR OLD FRIEND OF THE FAMILY THAT'S BEEN GETTING A LITTLE TOO INVOLVED IN OUR LIVES LATELY--
--THE BUGLE'S OWN INTREPID INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER, BETTY BRANT.
AND THIS IS JUST WHAT I DID NOT WANT TO SEE.
I'M ABSOLUTELY SURE THERE'S A PERFECTLY GOOD EXPLANATION FOR THIS...
...AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT IT IS RIGHT HERE AND NOW.
THAT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE-- OH NO...
"MARY JANE?!"
JOE ROBERTSON?!
NOW THIS IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE...
...I THINK.
HOW ARE MARTHA AND YOUR SON THESE DAYS, ROBBIE?
RANDY'S AN ADULT, BUSY WITH HIS OWN FAMILY NOW, MJ, AND MY WIFE...
...WELL, YOU OBVIOUSLY CAME TO BETTY'S LOOKING FOR PETER--
--BUT I SENT HIM UPSTATE FOR THE DAY TO TAKE SOME SEASONAL PICTURES FOR THE PAPER'S SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT SECTION.
VERY NICELY PLAYED, ROBBIE...


THAT NIGHT..
.. SLEEPING NEVER EVEN CROSSED THE MINDS OF SOME OF THE MORE ACTIVE URBAN RESIDENTS.
AFTER THAT, TIGER...
..I'M ALMOST EMBARRASSED TO ADMIT WHAT I ACTUALLY EXPECTED TO DISCOVER AT BETTY'S APARTMENT WHEN I WENT LOOKING FOR YOU THIS MORNING.
SOUNDS LIKE ROGUE'S AFFAIR TO ME, RED...
...BUT I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT JOB OFFER YOU WERE SO ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS.
I'M CERTAINLY INTRIGUED BY THE CHALLENGE, MJ, BUT MY ALREADY HECTIC SCHEDULE DOESN'T REALLY ALLOW FOR THE TIME--
--AND I DON'T KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THE IDEA OF THE TWO OF US WORKING TOGETHER ALL DAY ON YOUR SET..
I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT THAT EITHER, PETER, BUT "SECRET HOSPITAL" NEEDS NEW PUBLICITY PHOTO PORTFOLIOS OF THE CAST SOON--
--ALWAYS THE WAY IN DAYTIME TELEVISION--
--AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT YOU'RE THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB.
BUT IF TODAY'S UNUSUALLY HOT EPISODE DIDN'T INSPIRE YOU...
--CRITICALLY BURNED EXPLOSION VICTIM BROUGHT TO NEW YORK HOSPITAL BY SPIDER-MAN WEEKS AGO AND HELD UNDER MYSTERIOUS POLICE GUARD SINCE...
KLIK
..WAS NEVERTHELESS FOUND BY ATTENDING NURSES MURDERED IN HIS BED LATE LAST NIGHT, APPARENTLY SUSTAINING A FATAL BULLET WOUND DIRECTLY BETWEEN HIS EYES--
KLIK
PETER?
SORRY, HONEY...
...BUT PETER PARKER CAN'T TAKE ON ANYTHING NEW RIGHT NOW--
--UNTIL SPIDER-MAN CLEANS UP SOME OUTSTANDING BUSINESS.


MARY JANE'S SMOKING IS REALLY WORRYING ME...
...AND I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER IF THAT'S THE POINT.
SHE'S USUALLY MORE THAN SUPPORTIVE ABOUT EVERY FACET OF MY ADMITTEDLY-ECCENTRIC LIFESTYLE--
--THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT MJ--
--BUT I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE CONSTANTLY AFRAID FOR YOUR SPOUSE.
AND I DON'T LIKE IT.'
BUT BLOOD ROSE'S ESCAPE FROM MY WEBBING HAS ALREADY COST ANOTHER LIFE IN THIS INSANE MOB WAR...
...SO I'VE GOT TO TAKE ANOTHER STAB AT THE FOREIGNER'S HEADQUARTERS.
LOOKS LIKE REPAIRS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EFFECTED SINCE MY LAST VISIT HERE.
...BUT THE PERIMETER LASERS DIDN'T STOP ME THEN, EITHER.
THE FOREIGNER'S CLEVER ENOUGH TO EMPLOY PROFESSIONAL ASSASSINS THAT WON'T DARE IMPLICATE HIM DIRECTLY, BUT HE STILL CAN'T LEARN FROM MIS--
SPIDER SENSE SHRIEKING DANGER...
...FROM THE ROOF ABOVE ME?!


ZZRKZ
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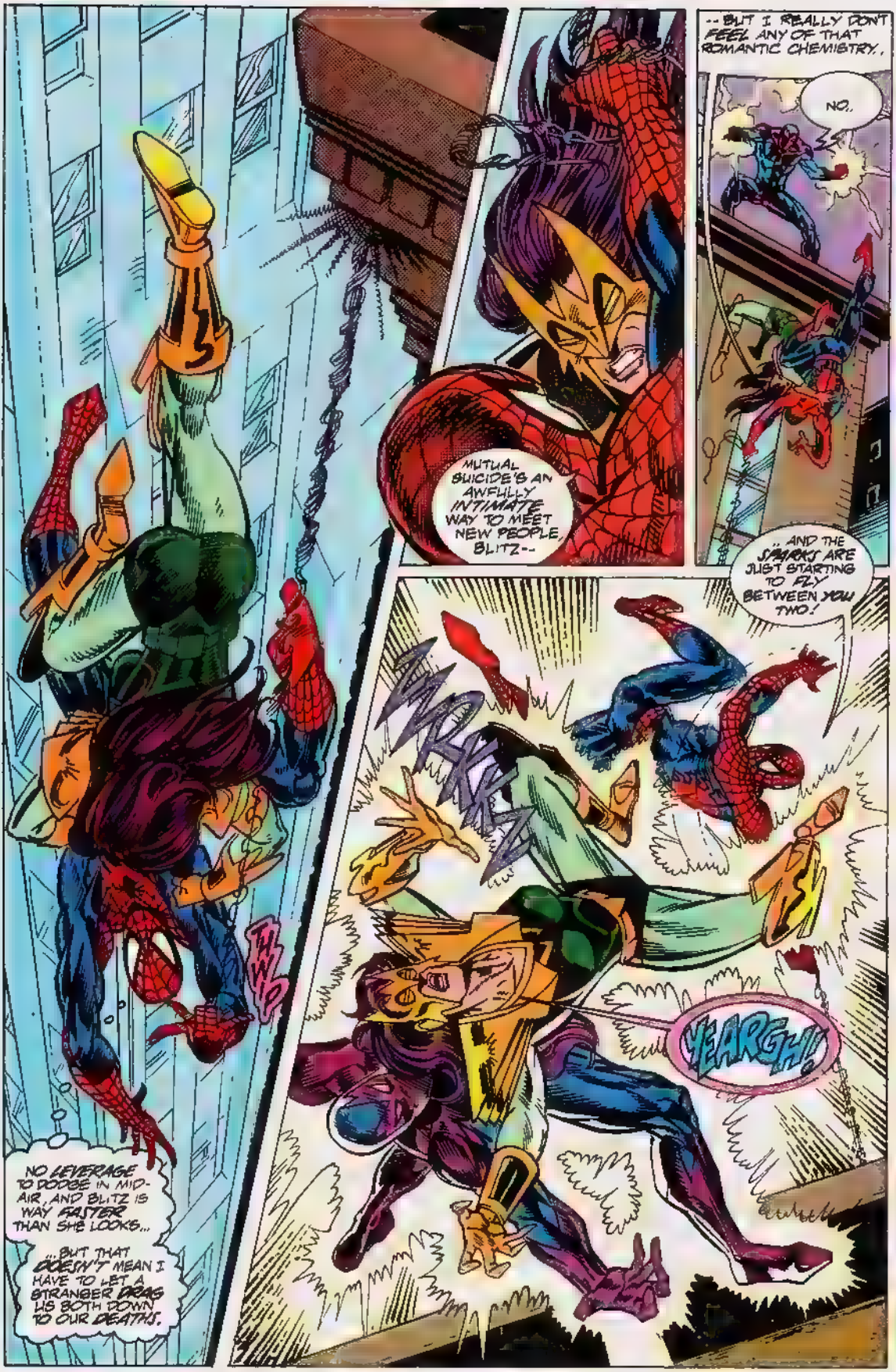
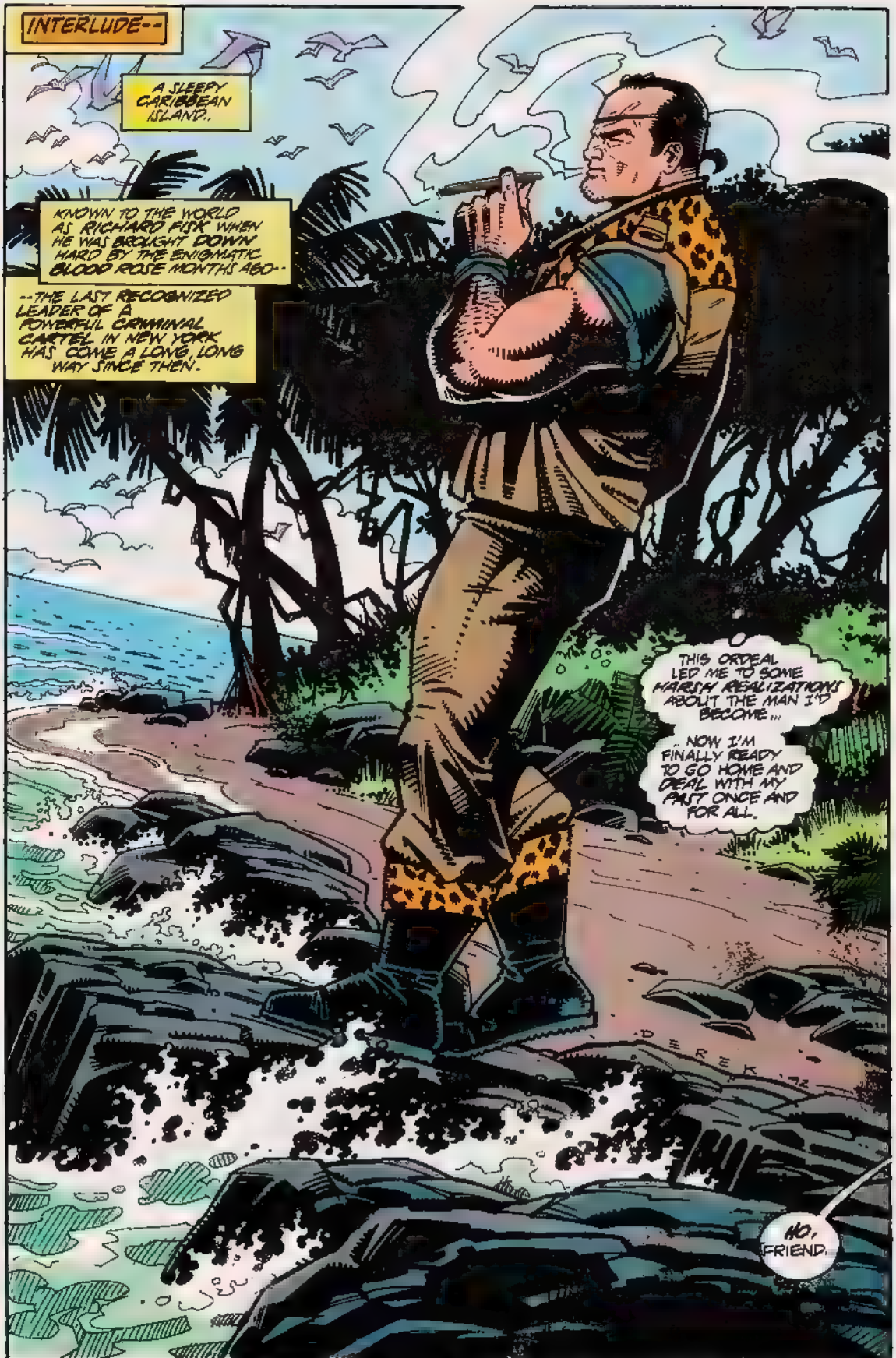
I DON'T NEED TO BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING..
...TO KNOW WHEN THE EEL'S COME SLITHERING BACK OUT OF HIS SLIME.
ZZRKZ
ZZRKZ
BUT I'M NOT ALONE ANYMORE, SPIDER-MAN..
...NONE OF US EVER WILL BE AGAIN.
BUTZ MAY BE THE STRONG-BUT-SILENT TYPE...
KRAK
...BUT ALL MY NEW PARTNERS PACK A WHOLE LOT OF PUNCH!


--BUT I REALLY DON'T FEEL ANY OF THAT ROMANTIC CHEMISTRY.,
NO.,
MUTUAL SUICIDE'S AN AWFULLY INTIMATE WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE, BLITZ--
...AND THE SPARKS ARE JUST STARTING TO FLY BETWEEN YOU TWO!
THWIP
NO LEVERAGE TO DODGE IN MID-AIR, AND BLITZ IS WAY FASTER THAN SHE LOOKS...
...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO LET A STRANGER DRAG US BOTH DOWN TO OUR DEATHS.
YEARGH!

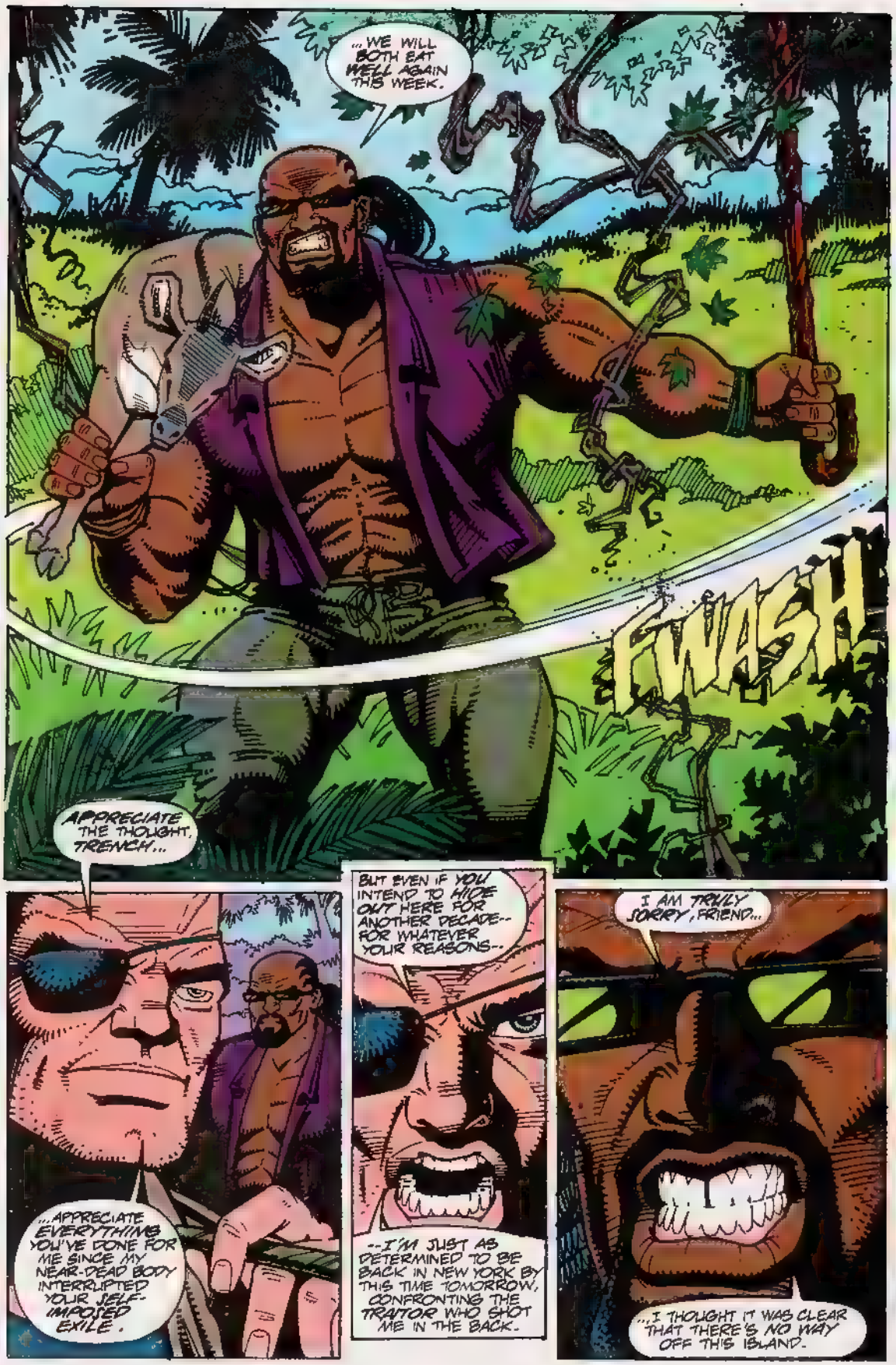
YOU'RE SPIDER-TOAST!
KRZRK
ASSUMING YOUR LITTLE FIREWORKS DISPLAY CAN CONNECT, EEL...
...WHICH JUST AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN.
ZKRKZ
DOESN'T MATTER, HERO.. SINCE OUR ORGANIZATION'S POWER-ENHANCEMENTS PROCESS, MY COSTUME'S FORCE-FIELD ALONE CAN'T HURT BLITZ...
...BUT IT PUT HER IN PERFECT POSITION FOR THIS.
KRZRK
KRZRK
=WUUF=
POOM
OUR PEOPLE HAVE THEIR OWN AGENDA IN THE FOREIGNER'S OFFICE, SPIDER-MAN...
...CLEANING UP LOOSE ENDS.
IN THE CASE OF YOUR SILENT PARTNER HERE--

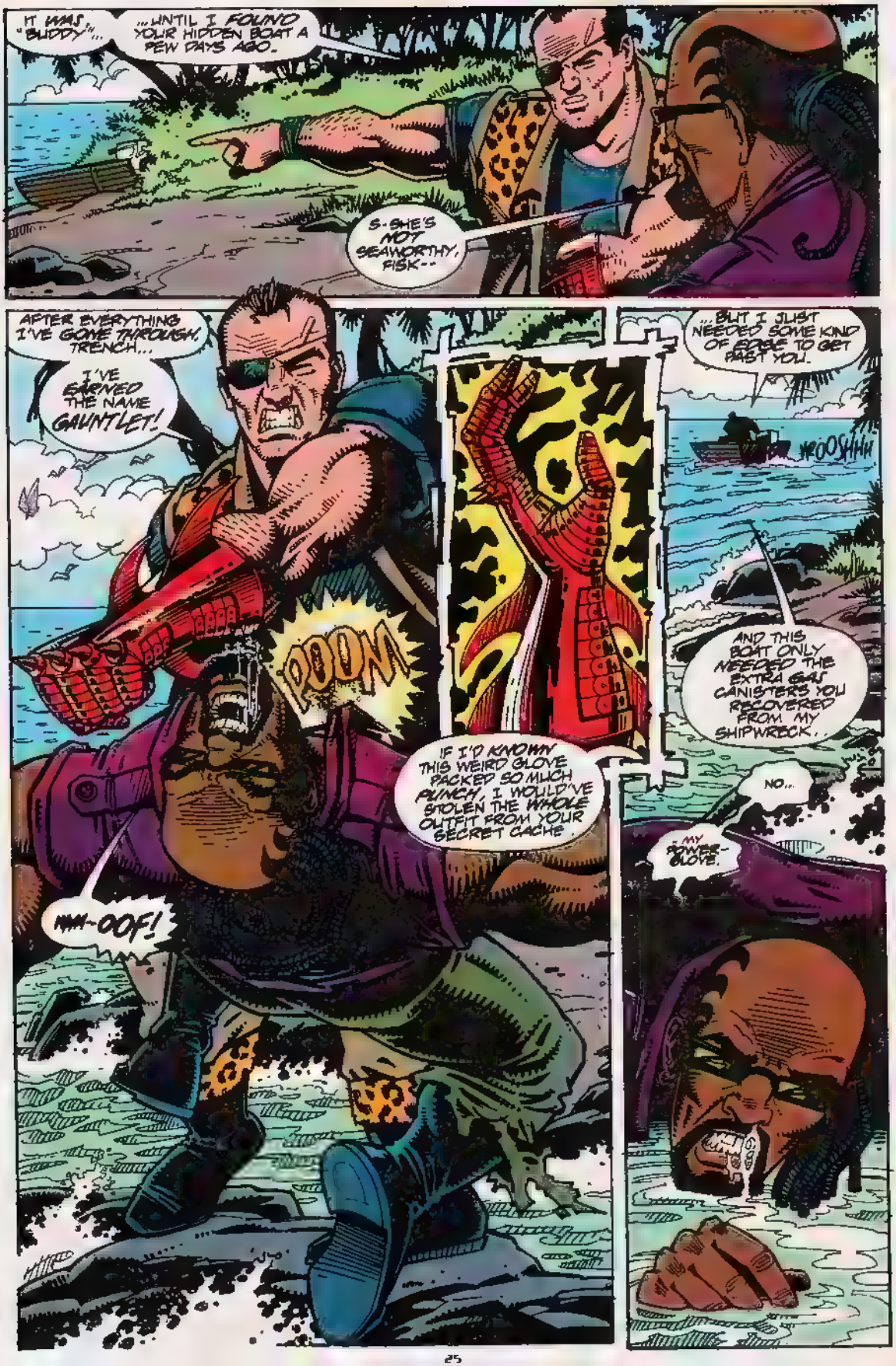
--IT'S MORE A MATTER OF SPLIT ENDS.
NOW IF WE COULD JUST FIND THE RIGHT CONDITIONER FOR YOUR PARTICULAR SHADE OF AVICE...!
OUR CONSULTATION IS FINISHED, EEL.
...AND I HATE TO COME BETWEEN YOU WACKY KIDS.
HOW--?
YAIEE!
YUP--DEFINITELY SPLIT ENDS.
THWIP
ELECTRICAL ALIRA RESPONDS TO SUBTLE AIR VIBRATIONS, SPIDER-MAN...
SO I CAN AVOID YOUR WEB-BALLS LONG BEFORE THEY GET NEAR--
ONLY IF YOU'RE FAST ENOUGH, LAVELL...
NO!
THWIP
THWIP
...BUT I'M MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW YOU GOT OUT OF JAIL AGAIN AFTER--
ALLOW US TO ANSWER THAT, SPIDER-MAN.
BEHIND ME--?!

..THE NEW ENFORCERS TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN!
THE VANISHER?!
AND OUR LOYAL FRONT GUARD...
...THE EVER FEROCIOUS DRAGON MAN, THE OWN!-POWERFUL SUPER-ADAPTOID, AND THE UNSTOPPABLE DREADNOUGHT!
AS IF I CAN'T RECOGNIZE THREE BIG ANDROIDS WITH ATTITUDES...


INTERLUDE--
A SLEEPY CARIBBEAN ISLAND.
KNOWN TO THE WORLD AS RICHARD FISK WHEN HE WAS BROUGHT DOWN HARD BY THE ENIGMATIC BLOOD ROSE MONTHS AGO--
--THE LAST RECOGNIZED LEADER OF A POWERFUL CRIMINAL CARTEL IN NEW YORK HAS COME A LONG, LONG WAY SINCE THEN.
THIS ORDEAL LED ME TO SOME HARSH REALIZATIONS ABOUT THE MAN I'D BECOME...
...NOW I'M FINALLY READY TO GO HOME AND DEAL WITH MY PAST ONCE AND FOR ALL.
DEREK
NO, FRIEND.

INTERLUDE ART: DEREK YANIGER


...WE WILL BOTH EAT WELL AGAIN THIS WEEK.
FWASH
APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, TRENCH...
...APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR ME SINCE MY NEAR-DEAD BODY INTERRUPTED YOUR SELF-IMPOSED EXILE.
BUT EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO HIDE OUT HERE FOR ANOTHER DECADE--FOR WHATEVER YOUR REASONS--
--I'M JUST AS DETERMINED TO BE BACK IN NEW YORK BY THIS TIME TOMORROW, CONFRONTING THE TRAITOR WHO SHOT ME IN THE BACK.
I AM TRULY SORRY, FRIEND...
...I THOUGHT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE'S NO WAY OFF THIS ISLAND.


IT WAS, "BUDDY"...
...UNTIL I FOUND YOUR HIDDEN BOAT A FEW DAYS AGO.
S-SHE'S NOT SEAWORTHY, FISK--
AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE GONE THROUGH, TRENCH...
I'VE EARNED THE NAME GAUNTLET!
...BUT I JUST NEEDED SOME KIND OF EDGE TO GET PAST YOU.
WHOOSHH
AND THIS BOAT ONLY NEEDED THE EXTRA GAS CANISTERS YOU RECOVERED FROM MY SHIPWRECK.
NO...
...MY POWER-GLOVE.
POOM
IF I'D KNOWN THIS WEIRD GLOVE PACKED SO MUCH PUNCH, I WOULD'VE STOLEN THE WHOLE OUTFIT FROM YOUR SECRET CACHE.
WH-OOF!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Benevolence! Inspired by the fact that February is Valentine month, on behalf of your blushin' Bullpen I've decided to gift you with a little poem about things we love! Now don't be too upset; it may be corny but it won't be long!

"THINGS WE LOVE"
By Henry Wadsworth Lee

We love heroes
Brave and bold,
Who battle villains
Young and old.
We love mutants
For their far-out
powers,
From Wolvie's talons
To Storm's mystic
showers.
We love the scripters
Who write the tales.
We love our editors
All tough as nails!
We love pencilers
Who draw the stuff,
And inkers who ink.
We can't get enough!
We love all the heroes
Who color and letter
And print and distribute.
None could be better!
Though all the above
Is most patently true,
We most love — our
readers!
'Cause we're zilch
without you!

That's it, fellow romantics! I suppose it's only fair to pause long enough to let you dry your eyes before leaving you with Cupid's favorite word —

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

Mystery date, mystery date ... will it be a dream ... or a dud? That's the question our Marveloids found themselves asking as we approached them with this Valentine's Day query: if you could have a dream date with any Marvel Comics character, which one would it be?

IRON MAN penciler **Kevin Hopgood** has a strong heart, not like the artificial one worn by Tony Stark. Yet Kevin says he'd stay away from Marvel heroines, "since they might turn out to be Skrulls!"

Pat Broderick, of DOOM 2099 fame, has a heart as big as all Latveria. Pat said his choice would be Moondragon, adding "People that know me would be able to figure that out!"

Assistant editor **Sarra Mossoff**, who thinks that all you need is love — well, love and a Marvel 2099 comic — has her eye on Daredevil noting that "he's the only one who could truly **see** me for what I am."

SILVER SABLE penciler **Steven Butler**, who thinks all's fair in love and Infinity War crossovers, reached way back into the 1970s to make his selection. "I would pick Beverly Switzer (of the old HOWARD THE DUCK series), because she reminds me so much of my wife."

BARBIE penciler **Anna Maria Cool**, whose dream date would probably pick her up at Barbie's dream house, has two choices: "Dr Strange, because I've had a crush on him for years — I just love that mustache, and his cape is really neat. And Gambit, because of his accent."

MOON KNIGHT penciler **James Fry**, who enjoys a moonlit walk with a crescent roll, has a somewhat morbid choice. "I guess I'd go out with Death, because given my recent dating experiences, that would be a step up!"

AVENGERS WEST COAST artist **Dave Ross**, who was once once struck by Cupid's arrow — no wait, that was one of Hawkeye's misfires, never mind — says "I wouldn't date Psylocke — she reads minds — that's very dangerous! The She-Hulk would be a great date, but don't get her mad! I wouldn't date Rogue — you can't touch her! I guess I'd pick Spider-Woman. She's a good parent, and I'm a family guy."

DAREDEVIL penciler **Scott McDaniel**, who thinks that love is not blind — it's just a little near-sighted — has his radar sense tuned to a Silver Ager. "I'd have to pick Aunt May, because she's experienced, worldly, independent, and she's the only woman my wife will let me date!"

Writer/assistant editor **Mindy Newell** thinks love makes the world go 'round — but this is not true on Counter-Earth! Mindy picks the Human Torch, "because that man is hot! And Ravage 2099 — I want to be number 2100!"

Britisher **Gary Frank**, who pencils the INCREDIBLE HULK, says love hit him like a gamma bomb. Gary also has his eye on one of Peter Parker's relatives. "I'd choose Mary Jane Watson-Parker, since a marriage to a guy who wears tights can only last so long!"

MORBIUS penciler **Ron Wagner**, who likes a relationship he can really sink his teeth into, has a basic instinct for a very fatal attraction! Ron enthused, "I'd pick Typhoid Mary. Bad girls are always more fun!"

You would think BARBIE penciler **Amanda Conner** might choose Ken, but apparently she finds him too plastic. Instead, she has four other choices, which she says she would prefer "all on one date at the same time!" Amanda's dream dates: "Gambit, because I love New Orleans cookin'! Nightcrawler, because I've always liked German guys with a good sense of humor. The Thing, because I like to climb rocks. And Warlock, just because he's there."

Tom DeFalco's secretary, **Mary McPherran** sets her sights on the Punisher, "because he is cold and has a hard heart. He reminds me of my husband!"

Finally, we have "Professor" **James Felder**, who feels that love is a many-splendored thing (Manny Splendored — the guy who runs the deli downstairs), who says he'd pick everyone's favorite heroine, Squirrel Girl, "because she has a big bushy tail!"

As you can see, dating isn't easy in the Marvel Universe! It's all we can do to prevent February 14 from turning into a St. Valentine's Day mutant massacre!

HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

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- **CAGE #13:** Can Cage survive against the awesome might of ... the Tinkerer?
- **CAPTAIN AMERICA #414:** Cap takes a super hero safari in the Savage Land!
- **DAREDEVIL #315:** What the shock? [illegible]
- [illegible]
- **KINGPIN:** You wouldn't want to be [illegible] Kingpin [illegible]
- [illegible]
- **DARKMAN #1 of 6:** Giant-sized first issue on special paper! Based on the hit movie!
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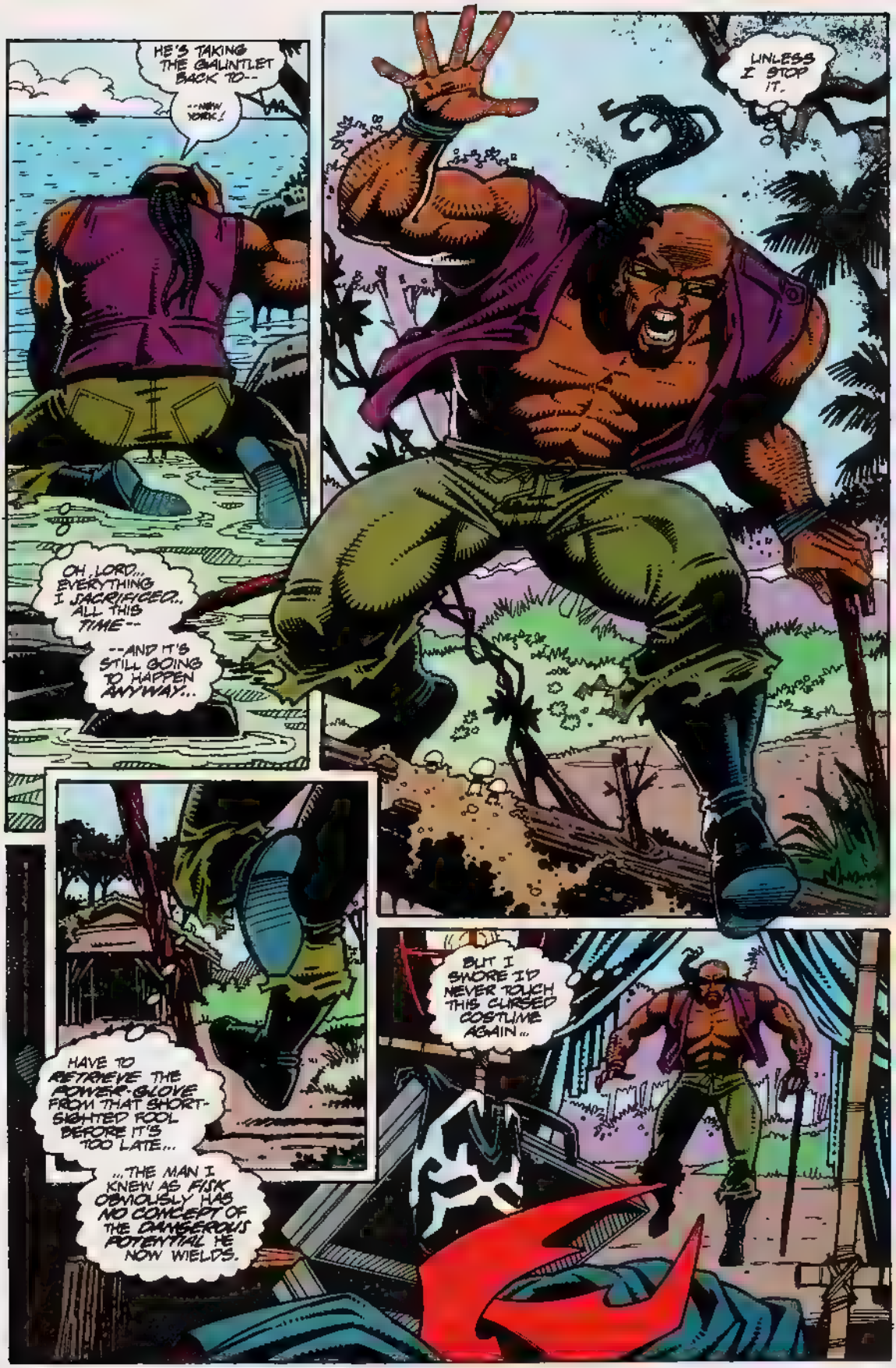
- **TERROR, INC. #10:** Wolverine and Terror accuse each other of murder. Do these guys look like killers to you?
- **UNCANNY X-MEN #299:** [illegible] for Magneto on Asteroid M!
- [illegible] There's a gang war going on, and everyone is going to come!

ORIGINAL BALLOONS PERPETUAL CITY MARVEL BULLPEN BORDERLINE FEATURES CHANGE SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO PRICE


HE'S TAKING THE GAUNTLET BACK TO--
--NEW YORK!
OH, LORD... EVERYTHING I SACRIFICED... ALL THIS TIME--
--AND IT'S STILL GOING TO HAPPEN ANYWAY...
UNLESS I STOP IT.
HAVE TO RETRIEVE THE POWER-GLOVE FROM THAT SHORT-SIGHTED FOOL BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...
...THE MAN I KNEW AS FISK OBVIOUSLY HAS NO CONCEPT OF THE DANGEROUS POTENTIAL HE NOW WIELDS.
BUT I SWORE I'D NEVER TOUCH THIS CURSED COSTUME AGAIN...

SOMEHOW THOUGHT I COULD STOP THE WHOLE BLOODY MESS BEFORE IT BEGAN BY SIMPLY REFUSING TO BE IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME...
...BUT FATE HAS A REAL NASTY WAY OF FORCING DR. KEVIN TRENCH TO FACE HIS DARK FUTURE...
...AS NIGHT-WATCH!
DEREK '93

END INTERLUDE.

THE HEART OF THE CITY...
ALTHOUGH I ORIGINALLY MAINTAINED THIS GREENHOUSE ONLY TO SUPPORT MY RUSE--
--I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THE SATISFACTION THE REAL ROSE GOT OUT OF CULTIVATING PEACEFUL PLANT-LIFE BETWEEN MOB HITS.
IF I'M NOT CAREFUL, I COULD DEVELOP A TRUE PASSION FOR THIS MYSELF...
...BUT AS SOON AS I ROOT OUT THE NEW ENFORCERS, I CAN FINALLY ABANDON THIS BLOOD ROSE IDENTITY--
--AND PROUDLY RECLAIM THE RIGHTFUL NAME OF RICHARD FISK.!
NEXT ISSUE:
NIGHTWATCH IS AFTER GAUNTLET! GAUNTLET WANTS BLOOD ROSE! BLOOD ROSE STALKS THE NEW ENFORCERS! ALL THESE DANGEROUS FORCES CONVERGE ON THE FISK POWER VACUUM... AND GUESS WHO'S RED, BLUE, AND CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE?!
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WEB-ZINGERS

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Attention correspondents: All letters considered for publication must include your name and address, though we will withhold that information upon request.

It's been a while, so we'll shut up and get on with your commentary:

Dear Zingers

"Spirits of Venom" is one of the best things that came out of Marvel, next to the X-MEN of course. Are you going to kill off Venom? What if Carnage comes in, kills Venom and then goes after Spider-Man? (Killer idea, huh?) But if anyone should die, it would have to be Carnage. Why? 'Cause Carnage has been there the shortest amount of time. I would hate to see Venom die. Carnage is one bad mother, but at least Venom has some heart...doesn't he?

Rene Covarrubiast
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You'll certainly find out soon, Rene, in our action-packed all-Spider-Title crossover called "Maximum Carnage," beginning in the brand-new 64-page SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED, available soon!

Dear Web-Happy-Joy-People

Is it just me or are you guys making this title stronger with each issue? It must be you. You keep compelling me to write to praise the material that blows me away. Issue #96 is a good example. Keep this up, because this title has been due for a while. Alex Saviuk is out of control! The art is really nice and sharp. Keep this guy for a while longer. And who painted that beautiful cover? Howard Mackie is one of the best writers in the business. The stories are exciting, which makes me sad to finish each issue.

Even though Spidey's 30th anniversary is winding down, the future is bright for the Web-Head. WEB OF SPIDER-MAN is one example to prove it. The new era is here to stay!

Gary Dubberke
Aloha, OR

Well, Gary, thanks for the praise—we really appreciate it. Oh, and the beautiful cover was painted by the also-beautiful Mark Texeira.

Dear Web-Zingers,

Only this past year did I return to WEB after an extended absence due to sub-standard stories and art, and for the most part I haven't been disappointed

Then "Spirits of Venom" comes along. You've GOT to be kidding! I haven't seen a story this contrived since the movie *Late For Dinner*, and I thought it stank then, too. While it stands to reason these characters would run into each other occasionally (they are all in New York, after all), is it too much to ask that these encounters be presented in a well-thought-out, structured-but-non-coincidental manner? I mean, at least adhere to the laws of probability. Yes, there is coincidence in life, but not as much as in issue #95.

Were it not for the Saviuk/Rubinstein art, I'm afraid the issue in question would have no redeeming values whatsoever. But they manage to pull it out of its nose dive, rendering some very pleasing visuals in the process. That, at least, was appreciated.

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Obviously, every story is not for every person. Write in with your comments on "My Enemy's Enemy...", and let us know what you think!

Dear Webbers,

Now this is what I call a comic book. Issue #95 is one of the reasons why I really enjoy reading Marvel Comics. Action-packed, jaw-breaking free-for-all brawls and fantastic plots. The last time I was this excited about a comic book was in X-FORCE some months ago. I am eagerly anticipating the coming issues.

I have been waiting for Venom for a *long time and I thank you for bringing him* back. He has a very weird sense of justice. But on the other hand, so does Spider-Man. I mean can't he give a guy a break? With all the things happening around them, I think freeing Macendale would've really helped a lot. Okay, so he might turn against Spidey, but I doubt it, since Demogoblin is after his skin. So why not give the guy the freedom to defend himself? Look what happened on page 29. I believe that it was Spidey's fault the shadows got Macendale without a fight.

Questions again. How can Demogoblin and Venom talk with their tongues sticking out like that? Wouldn't it be a bit bothersome to pronounce words with your tongue extending from your mouth?

Mel Atendido
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First off, Demogoblin and Venom are super-beings with various abilities, Mel, including the talent you mentioned above. Gross as it may seem, they probably say it *and* spray it!

At the top of the next column is the cover to SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #199, guest-starring the original X-Men! Look for it on sale soon!

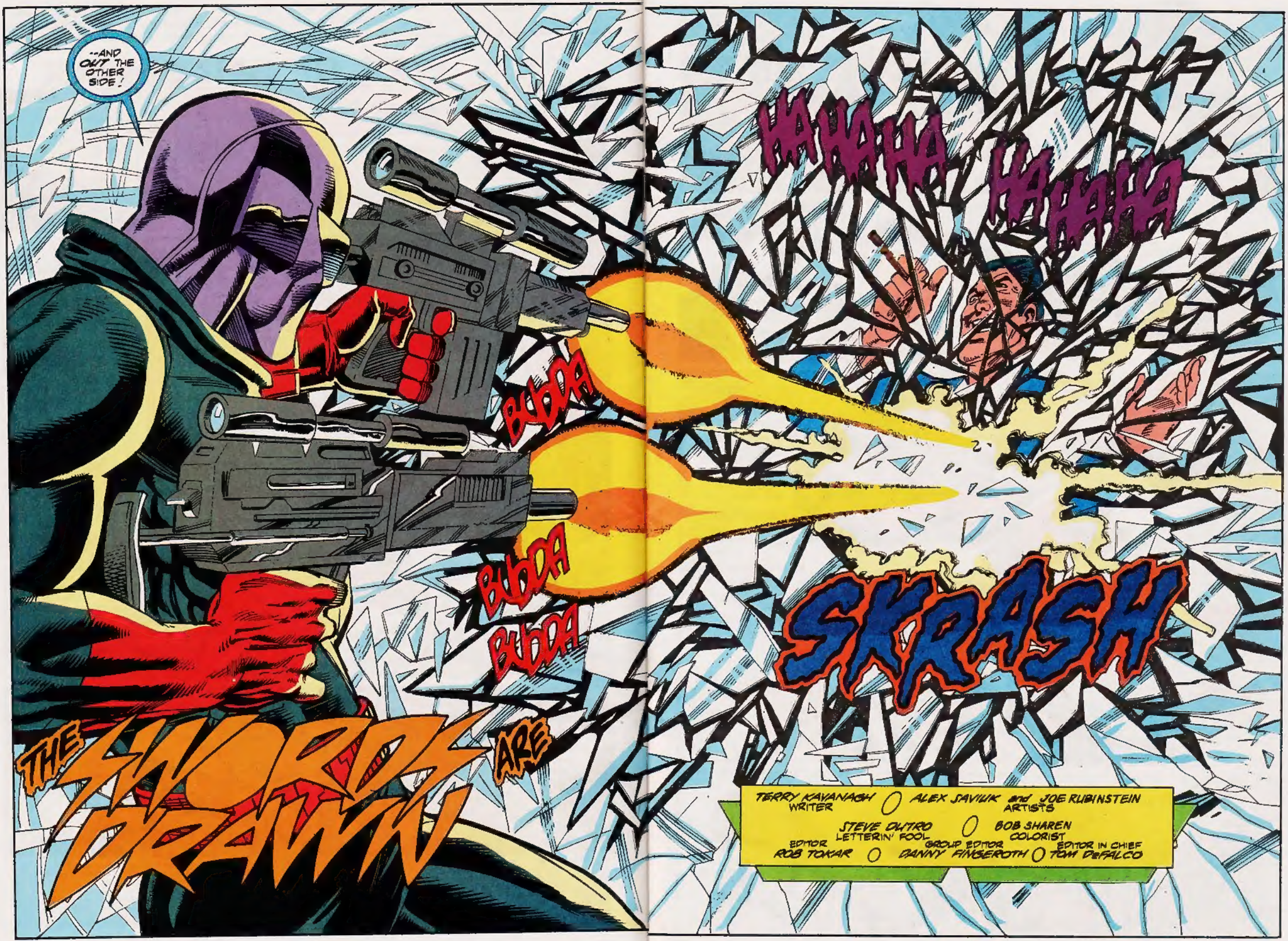
NEXT ISSUE:

It's big! It's brassy! It's bursting with brouhahas and bad battle action!

It's WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #100, featuring the introduction of the Spider-Armor, the continuation of the New Enforcers, and the conclusion to the Blood Rose/Fisk saga!

Wait--put away that checkbook! There's also the action debut of the mysterious Nightwatch! The origin of the mysterious Nightwatch! Heck, even the favorite ice cream flavor of the mysterious Nightwatch!

With this much Spider-action and Spider-excitement, we couldn't call it anything else but "TOTAL WAR!"


...AND OUT THE OTHER SIDE!
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THE SWORD DRAWN ARE
HA HA HA
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